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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This document is being submitted in reply to the Official Action dated August 14, 2001.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-11, 13-16, 18-24 and 25 without traverse, and request that claims 12, 17 and 26-30 be withdrawn from examination without prejudice.

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